

A meeting of the Charter Review Committee was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the Mahany/Meininger Center located at 3500 Marais, Royal Oak. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairperson George.

|              | PRESENT            | ABSENT |
|--------------|--------------------|--------|
| Chairperson  | George             |        |
|              | Lewis (5:36 p.m.)  |        |
|              | Moore              |        |
| Commissioner | Paruch (5:36 p.m.) |        |
|              | Zukin              |        |

Also present was City Assessor Geiermann and Assistant City Attorney Delores Mayer.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The committee welcomed Commissioner Paruch and Heather Lewis as new members.

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### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Moved by Mr. George  
Seconded by Ms. Zukin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Review Committee hereby appoints Rob Moore as Chairperson for 2016.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

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Moved by Mr. George  
Seconded by Mr. Moore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Review Committee hereby appoints Deborah Zukin as Vice Chairperson for 2016.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Ms. Zukin  
Seconded by Mr. Moore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of December 15, 2015 are hereby approved as submitted.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

Assistant City Attorney Mayer presented sample charter amendment language to the committee on Chapter Three Section 3 and Section 4 (eligibility to run for office), Chapter Ten Section 3 (Assessment of Taxes) and Chapter Three Section 7 (mayoral succession). See attachment.

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### **CITY ASSESSOR TO SPEAK ON POSSIBLE UPDATED LANGUAGE FOR CHAPTER TEN**

City Assessor Geiermann spoke regarding Chapter Ten of the Charter. The language is outdated and does not comply with state law; therefore, it needs to be updated. Ms. Mayer will see if Chapter Ten can possibly be removed in its entirety, and replaced with the words "Assessment of Taxes is now governed by the Michigan General Property Tax Act and other related state laws," and report back to the committee.

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### **CITY ENGINEER TO SPEAK ON POSSIBLE UPDATED LANGUAGE FOR CHAPTER FOURTEEN, SECTION 11**

City Engineer Callahan could not attend the meeting.

The committee members suggested that Tim Thwing, Director of Community Development should speak regarding this section as well. Mr. Moore will reach out to both gentlemen about attending the February meeting.

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### **UPDATE ON IDEAS FOR MAYORAL SUCCESSION PROPOSALS**

The committee would like to invite City Manager Johnson to the next meeting to clarify what he would like to see done with the language at Chapter Three Section 7.

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### **SET MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Charter Review Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Upon motion of Mr. George, Seconded by Ms. Zukin, and decided unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Melanie Halas, City Clerk

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